

EVANGELISE IN YOUR HOME

- ⇒ Display symbols of your faith around your home
- ⇒ Celebrate anniversaries, e.g., Baptisms, First Holy Communion. Marriage
- ⇒ Say a prayer together before and after meals
- ⇒ Celebrate important Church Feasts with special meals
- ⇒ Turn the telly off from time to time to pray together for five minutes
- ⇒ Discuss current issues in the news together and how to make a Gospel response to them
- ⇒ Stay informed about issues of Social Justice
- ⇒ Make family choices to live simply so that others can simply live
- ⇒ Encourage your children to always think about others needs first
- ⇒ Get involved in parish campaigns to promote justice, peace and the integrity of creation
- ⇒ Always say please, thank you and sorry

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

Pope Francis tells us about the reasons for sharing our joy in the Gospel:

‘The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him.

We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything. This is why we evangelise.’

DO SOMETHING NEW

Pope Francis is asking you and me to do something new, are you open to the challenge?

‘Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world. Every form of authentic evangelisation is always “new.’



If you would like suggestions and formation on how to form an EVANGELISATION TEAM contact

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How to Evangelise EVERYDAY



Jesus wants evangelisers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God’s presence.

POPE FRANCIS

THE JOY of the GOSPEL 259

Share the JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Pope Francis has invited us to share the Good News of Jesus with others. He's given us a lot of practical ideas about how to do this. In this leaflet you will find suggestions to help YOU to become an evangeliser!

Here's what the Holy Father is suggesting:

- ⇒ Start all your efforts with prayer and in prayer
- ⇒ Share what you learn in your encounter with Jesus with others joyfully
- ⇒ Remember that ALL the baptised have a part to play in spreading the joy of the Gospel—THAT'S YOU
- ⇒ Reach out to those most in need. There is no authentic evangelisation without a concrete outreach to the poor and the needy
- ⇒ Be open to dialogue, with those of other faiths, with no faith, those of wavering faith, those who are searching and seeking

FOR MORE READ THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

EVANGELISE IN YOUR PARISH

- ◆ Invite friends who are not Catholic to parish events
- ◆ Pray for the newly baptised and send the family a card
- ◆ Encourage young people to be leaders in parish groups
- ◆ Send out invitation cards door to door to every household in the parish territory for Christmas and Easter liturgies
- ◆ Make friends with parents who are sending their non-baptised children to our Catholic Schools and invite them to think about baptism
- ◆ Change where you sit in Church from time to time and exchange names with those around you
- ◆ Encourage neighbours to register as a parishioner
- ◆ Make more use of parish facilities and halls for Local Community use
- ◆ Prepare simple parish leaflets to explain our Catholic liturgies
- ◆ Reach out to families at funerals and invite them to return or join us
- ◆ Make your parish website understandable to non-Catholics and non-believers

EVANGELISE IN YOUR WORKPLACE

- ⇒ Be ready to talk about why Jesus is important in your life
- ⇒ Be open about your Catholic Faith
- ⇒ Tell people when you are celebrating special times, e.g, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter
- ⇒ Always be honest and fair in your dealings at work
- ⇒ Wear a cross or other symbols of your faith
- ⇒ Send a Mass card when a work colleague has a family bereavement
- ⇒ Offer to pray for the persons intentions when sad or distressing news is shared
- ⇒ Respect other people's religious beliefs
- ⇒ Pray before making decisions that will affect you or others at work
- ⇒ Don't be afraid to share with other Christians at work and invite them to events in your parish
- ⇒ Be encouraging and positive, never take part in gossip or back biting
- ⇒ Remember to take a few seconds every-day to pray at work (even at your desk)